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SUBJECT: LEBANESE REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM IRAN

REF: A. STATE 104372

B. BEIRUT 6899

C. TEHRAN 4399

1. COURT MINISTER ALAM TOLD AMBASSADOR 23 JUNE THAT LEBANESE AMBASSADOR AL- KHALIL HAD AGAIN APPROACHED GOI ABOUT ARMS PURCHASES AND WAS ATTEMPTING TO BARGAIN ABOUT CONDITIONS AND PRICES. AL- KHALIL INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH HIS APPROACH WAS ORAL AND INFORMAL, IT WOULD EVENTUALLY BE BACKED UP BY WRITTEN AUTHORITY AND OFFICIAL REQUEST.

2. ACCORDING TO ALAM, QUANTITIES AND TYPES OF ARMS REQUESTED WERE SAME AS BEFORE (I. E. PLANES AND HEAVY ARTILLARY) EXCEPT THAT THIS TIME M-60 TANKS WERE INCLUDED.

3. GOI WANTS TO BE SURE THAT USG APPROVES SALE OF ARMS BY IRAN TO LEBANON. IT ALREADY DECIDED THAT WHATEVER TERMS GOI GETS FROM USG WILL BE PASSED ALONG TO GOL. THIS OBVIOUSLY APPLIES ONLY TO THOSE ARMS WHICH GOI MUST PROCURE ANEW FROM USG SUCH AS 155- MM LONG- RANGE GUNS. GOI WILL GIVE NO RPT NO GRANT AID.

4. AMBASSADOR WENT OVER AGAIN WITH ALAM POINTS IN REFTELS. HE EMPHASIZED UNDESIRABILITY OF HAVING GOI ACT AS MIDDLEMAN
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WHEN CERTAIN ARMS HAD TO COME FROM UNITED STATES IN ANY EVENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS FROM USG AS TO HOW IT WANTS
EMBASSY TO HANDLE GOI REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO SELL ARMS
TO GOL AND PROBABLE GOI REQUEST TO PURCHASE LONG- RANGE GUNS FROM
USG FOR SALE TO GOL.
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